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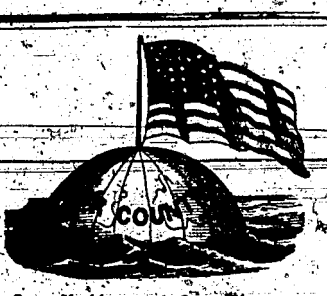
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SIO-REWARD.

The above reward will be paid upon

the arrest and conviction of any per

son stealing the GAZETTE from the

docks or yards of subscribers.

LEARN TO SWIM.

The frequency of people getting

overboard from the ferry boats plying

between San Francisco and neighbor

ing places calls attention to the fact

that learning how to swim is a necessity.

Probably ninety per cent of those peo

ple visiting San Francisco have to

reach that city by crossing the water.

The percentage of deaths by drowning

may be small compared with the num

ber of persons who may possibly be

victims yet it should be made simple

in that it is as easy as possible for it to

be done. A recent occurrence is brou

ght to mind where a man who fell o

verboard from one of the steamers float

ed on the bay for nearly ten minutes

before he was rescued. It was the

knowledge of knowing how to swim

that saved him and it might have been

the cause of saving many others if the

proper knowledge had been acquired.

Within the few last years means have

been especially provided for learning

how to take care of one's self when in

deep water. Incidentally connected

with the learning of how to swim there

is the advantage of often indulging in

either a fresh or salt water bath. The

latter we believe is much better for the

health than the former.

It might be said that for sea-bathing

in the open air the weather is too cold

in the winter season. There are times

during the day, however, when the air

is sufficiently warm and the water not

too cold for an indulgence in it for its

cleansing qualities. In Berkeley the

commencement of bathing accompa

nied in the open air was begun and it

was found to meet the wants of the

people. That is, a feeling was shown

to exist that if good places and outfits

were furnished people would patronize

them.

Next summer we hope to see greater

progress made, for right here we have

as good a beach as can be found any

where along the coast for people to in

dulge in this refreshing exercise. There

is no reason why our town should be

behind any place on the coast in this

respect. It takes capital, more or less,

to make a place of this kind inviting

however much the public may need it.

Proper houses and appliances should

be erected so that hot salt water baths

could be indulged in for all the year.

At San Francisco there are places

provided for this purpose and probably

those owned by Mr. Sutro have no su

perior in any part of the world.

Learn to swim and then in case of

necessity you may be able to save your

life and also to enjoy the most exhilarat

ing and healthful exercise which can be

taken.

PATENT-BALLOTING MACHINES

At the late election an amendment

of the constitution was submitted to a

vote of the people and carried, author

izing "elections by ballot, or such other

secret method as may be permitted by

law."

For many years there has been a de

sire on the part of a large majority of

voters in the United States to have a

system of voting by which a citizen

could cast a ballot, the contents of

which would be unknown to anyone

but himself. Among the early efforts

in this direction one was put in op

eration in the State of Massachusetts. The

voter placed his ballot in an envelope,

sealed it up and placed it in the box.

This method was previously thought to

answer the purpose. Many objections

were raised against it when it came to

be put into practical operation so that it

was finally abandoned.

There were matters about voting

which needed correction in order that

a citizen could cast his vote in a way

entirely untrammelled. Various sys

tems were tried and it was not until the

Australian idea was conceived that

there seemed to be a method brought

about by which secrecy of the ballot

and purity of elections could be se

cured.

It proved to be a great improvement

over anything ever before devised for

the purpose. Yet there was still a

chance for a further improvement

to develop. This gave an impetus to the

inventive genius of man, and much

study was given to the furtherance of

the object. Electricity was brought to

the aid of the thinking minds and sev

eral inventions soon came to the front

which bid fair to eventually make

the casting of ballots to be done in se

crecy, quickly and a great saving in the

time and correct counting of ballots at

elections.

The end desired appears now to

have been about accomplished. It is

an old saying that practice makes per

fect and it now appears that something

is yet needed in that line.

The necessary machinery already

patented and put into practical use in

Eastern States has defects which time

will probably cure. In some places

the intricate working has evidently been

a little too delicate for the recording

portion of the system. This can be

remedied, however, and when that is

performed we shall have a method by

which it will be almost impossible for

anyone but the voter to know who he

votes for, and the result of an election

will be known within a very few min

utes after the voting is closed.

The method now being tried is

where a man can go into a room or

booth by himself and there by simply

pressing a button which is placed against

the name of the candidate of his choice

the vote is immediately recorded by

electricity. His passing from the

room allows another person to enter

and go through the same process until

every man has voted. When the polls

are closed the machine is unlocked and

from it is taken a complete registered

list which then can be publicly an

nounced.

Like everything new there is some

thing to be learned by the voter in the

manner of procedure. With the laws

of education which the country is fast

adopting, we shall within a very few

years have the most perfect system of

silent and secret voting known in the

world. This is a progression which

will endear itself to every honest man

in the country and it cannot be practi

cally put in use any too soon.

LOOSE ANIMALS.

The people of Lorin, in that section

of the town bounded by Fairview,

Harmon, Boise and Blackstone streets,

are very indignant over the depreda

tions committed on trees and shrubs by

cows and sheep who get about without

proper restrictions. They say the

poundmaster appears to ignore that

section of the town altogether. Residents

of Lorin, and for that matter in other

parts of Berkeley, do not see the use of

planting trees and having laws if ani

mals are allowed to go around and

destroy them. The point is well taken

and something should be done to stop

the evil.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Uni

tarian Church, is busy preparing for

the holiday sale of various articles sui

table to the season of the year. The

salesroom will be in Shattuck block on

Shattuck avenue.

Dr. Robert Mackenzie D. D. will

deliver a lecture in the First Presbyter

ian Church on Friday evening,

December 11, 1896. The subject will

be "Air Castles." Admission 25 cents

Dec 4 td.

W. H. Bone is now selling Borden's

Cocoa, 2110 pounds for \$7. 1000

pounds for \$8. 500 pounds for \$4. 500

pounds for \$3. 250 pounds for \$2. 250

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